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The Montclair Township Committee has rejected the terms proposed by the Bloomfield Committee for a right of way through Bloomfield for their sewer. They are willing to grant Bloomfield a perpetual privilege of using the sewer, but insist that Bloomfield shall pay her full share of the expense pro rata upon the total cost. The building of sewers seems naturally to lead to much discussion and entanglements that will require the close attention of our Committee.

Mrs. Clara Hoffman, of Missouri, who will lecture in this town on the evening of Feb. 8th in the Westminster Chapel under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is one of the best lecturers among the brilliant cohort that the National Union has drawn together. To a clear brain, ready wit, great originality and a thorough command of language she adds a heart on fire with her theme, and an ardor longing to save human lives and souls from the slavery of drink. They expect to have fine music and hope to have a crowded house. This lecture is free to all.

The many friends of Mr. W. W. Cornish will be pleased to know that he is making rapid progress toward recovery. He was taken ill very suddenly the day before Christmas while visiting friends on Long Island. Mrs. Cornish was sent for and went, accompanied by Mr. H. H. Bidulph, who remained with Mr. Cornish for ten days, and came home with him, proving to be a most valuable friend in his recovery. Mr. Cornish received a letter of sympathy from his pastor, Dr. Ballantine, who is at present in Throgmorton N. C. Dr. Ballantine is advised by his physician to remain in the South until March, but if he improves as much as he hopes to do, he will return sooner.

Bloomfield Post Office.

The business transacted at the Bloomfield Post Office for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892, makes a very satisfactory showing.

Receipts all sources, \$15,757.36; Paid for salaries, rent, fuel, etc., \$4927.39; Paid for safe, office fixtures, letter boxes, etc., \$580.82; Deposited with United States Treasurer, \$10,243.25; Total, \$15,757.26. There were Domestic and International money orders and postal notes issued to the amount of \$29,213.94; Receipts from other sources, \$44,271.20. Total number of registered letters and packages delivered and despatched, 2,003; Number of special letter deliveries made, 427; Number of letters sent to Dead Letter office, 261.

The following will show the steady growth of business at this office:

Receipts in 1888.	\$ 4,762.31
" " 1889.	6,237.84
" " 1890.	10,979.40
" " 1891.	12,554.70
" " 1892.	15,757.36

Mrs. Ballington Booth Will Speak in Glen Ridge.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, the wife of Commander Booth of the Salvation Army, is to give an address in the Glen Ridge Church on the work of the Army, next Sunday evening, January 23d, at 7.45. The only regret is that the Glen Ridge Church is undoubtedly too small to hold those who wish to hear Mrs. Booth, and probably only those who are on hand promptly will be made comfortable with seats. But do not stay away for fear there will be no room, for such an opportunity as this has not been given before and cannot soon be given again to those who want to hear an explanation of the work of this noble and greatly misunderstood organization. Mrs. Booth herself has done more than anyone else to make the work appreciated by Christian people and to win their hearty support. As this was not enough, she is a polished speaker to whom it is a delight to listen. The collection which will be taken will be devoted to Mrs. Booth's work.

The Needwork Guild.

The Bloomfield Branch of the Needwork Guild of America met at the house of Mrs. Amzi Dodd, Wednesday, January 18, 1893. The close of the year's work shows 736 garments collected. The Secretary's report embodies the feeling of the ladies connected with the Guild in these words:

"Since our last meeting the Guild has lost a valued director in the death of Mrs. David P. Lyall. Her faith in the good work of the Guild was strong, and her labor for it bore evidence to the love she felt for it. She shall greatly miss her gentle presence, but she leaves behind a fragrant memory."

The first of these queries I reply, that the weaker or sillier a man may be, the greater is his power of missing the mark, and especially his power of missing The Right.

As to the seeming triumphs of weakness and corruption—of the disorder of Mammon over the order of God—they exist only in the crazed imaginations of the dishonest. To leap from the strong tower of Right, is not a triumph over the tower, but a fall for the intoxicated fool who sells Right at defiance. His momentary feelings of triumph are but the first fruits of his self-induced moral blindness, which renders him too stupid to comprehend God's justice, or to trace back all his manifold miseries to the sins whence they were severely born.

Men, who, by sinning against reason and the laws of life, derange their physical sense, make themselves subject to physical ills;

and thus, by committing the same sins on the moral plane, they obtain moral insanity as their reward, and fancy themselves triumphant over the power and the order of God.—May God help them!—But how can the ever-truthful, freedom respecting God, help poor creatures who will only open their eyes to darkness and their ears to lies? Neither God nor his lovers can stoop to Bribery; and, like

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A second contest has been arranged to take place between the Cyclers and the West End team at the Olympia. As will be remembered these teams bowed a series of five games recently which resulted in a victory for the Cyclers. The members of the West End team as it seems were not satisfied with the result of their bowing at that time and have challenged the Cyclers to bowl another series. The first game will occur on Saturday evening of this week.

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THE DOMINION OF BRIBERY.

AN ESSAY.

TRACING TO ITS SOURCE SIN AGAINST REASON AND THE LAWS OF LIFE.

children of corruption will yield to nothing else.

There is this great general difference between Bribery, or Arbitrary Inducements, and Natural Rewards, viz.: The former distinctly exhibit all their desirable qualities to the imagination and the senses, and exhibit them all at once; while Nature delights in hiding the preciousness of her rewards, and often puts the most untempting face possible upon the blessings which she professes. Nature never flatters her servants, nor those whom she serves; and never palliates the sacrifices of pride, and ease and popularity, which she requires from them. While the dispensers of bribes offers wealth and conventional dignities cheap, confer the unjust possession of riches upon thieves, and the show of honor upon cheaps and blasphevers, Nature reserves her prizes for those who do genuine work, and who dare to sacrifice themselves, if need be, in conforming to her system of truth and justice. She aims, not to dazzle the vain, but to bless the true; and she is content to bless them in silence. She even allows those who serve her truly—who do battle with the cheats and wrongs of to day instead of the cheats and wrongs that are obsolete or afar off—to be seemingly rewarded, for a time, with poverty and contempt, or with popular execration and crucifixion. But the dissolution of Truth's servants or obeyers is never more than seeming, and is only for a time. From every despised or required labor their arms acquire an increase of strength, or their souls an increase of fortitude and self reliance. Every pain and indignity that is forced upon them by Truth's enemies, is a general name for all devices and efforts having for their object the subversion or suppression of this Natural Order—the order of Freedom, or of unforced Love—and the subjugation of individuals to foreign or unsympathizing wills by working externally on either their hopes or their fears.

I apply the word Bribery to all processes, whether coercive or seductive, whereby men or things are made to pass for more than they are, or whereby the dishonest array men's present wants and interests against their manliness and sincerity. As Idolatry consists in mentally putting anything less than God into God's place, so Mammonism or Bribery consists in subverting the authority of Reason and Conscience over men by operating on their lower passions; no matter whether the means employed be a purse or a sword, nor whether the corrupter of men offer to the soul a real self, a potent invigorator of his spirit's immortality and life? The howling storm that shakes the true man's branches silently strengthens his roots, adding years to the life of his trunk by taking moments from the life of his foliage.

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Brother Love. BY H. R.
"Ales for the rarity
Of Christian charity
Under the sun."—HOOD.

"We have not all one Father!"—MALECHI II, 10.

Is there wrong in brother-love,
Though we suffer by our loving—
Loving still the insidious?

Love is pure, and the essence
True of good, as it is created.

Through all time and space eternal.

"God so loved us" through the ages,

Through our sin and sin-containing.

"Mid our wilful lack of wisdom

That I gave—oh, precious Treasure!

Christ the sinless, Christ the tireless

Son of God; with strength of loving.

That shall win us unto heaven.

Is the master less than servant?

That we oft our fellow servants?

Where, indeed the Christian virtues

In the man who knows not loving?

And who helps not loving onward?

Love and truth are least suspecting.

And the evil most surprising.

Christian, leave the "lures" for burning:

God's love is the "lure" for burning;

Love is